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## January 1 Cattle Inventory

**Iowa:** All cattle and calves in Iowa as of January 1, 2010 totaled 3.85 million head, 2.5 percent below the 3.95 million head on January 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 885,000 head, were 4.3 percent below last year. Milk cows, at 215,000 were unchanged from last year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 900,000 head, were up 3.4 percent from last year. Heifers for beef cow replacement were down 7.1 percent to 130,000 head; heifers for milk cow replacement at 130,000 head were unchanged from the previous year; and all other heifers were up 6.7 percent to 640,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were down 4.3 percent from last year at 1,330,000 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over were down 14.3 from a year ago at 60,000 head. Calves under 500 pounds on January 1 totaled 460,000 in 2010, down 4.2 percent from last year.

The 2010 calf crop was estimated at 1.03 million head, down 3.7 percent from the 1.07 million born in 2009. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2010 was at 1,360,000 head up 4.6 percent from one year ago.

**United States:** All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on

January 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009. Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009. Other class estimates on January 1, 2010, and the change from January 1, 2009, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up slightly.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.4 million, down 2 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.5 million, up 2 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.7 million, up 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 2 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, up slightly.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 14.9 million, up slightly.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.6 million, down 2 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.5 million, down slightly.

The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,  
Iowa and United States, January 1, 2009-2010**

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	3,950	3,850	97	94,521	93,701	99
All Cows That Have Calved	1,140	1,100	96	41,045	40,456	99
Beef Cows	925	885	96	31,712	31,376	99
Milk Cows	215	215	100	9,333	9,081	97
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	870	900	103	19,576	19,666	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	140	130	93	5,531	5,436	98
For Milk Cow Replacement	130	130	100	4,410	4,516	102
Other Heifers	600	640	107	9,635	9,714	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	1,390	1,330	96	16,769	16,440	98
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	70	60	86	2,184	2,190	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	480	460	96	14,948	14,949	100
Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup>	1,300	1,360	105	13,856	13,642	98
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Calf Crop	1,070	1,030	96	36,153	35,819	99

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.